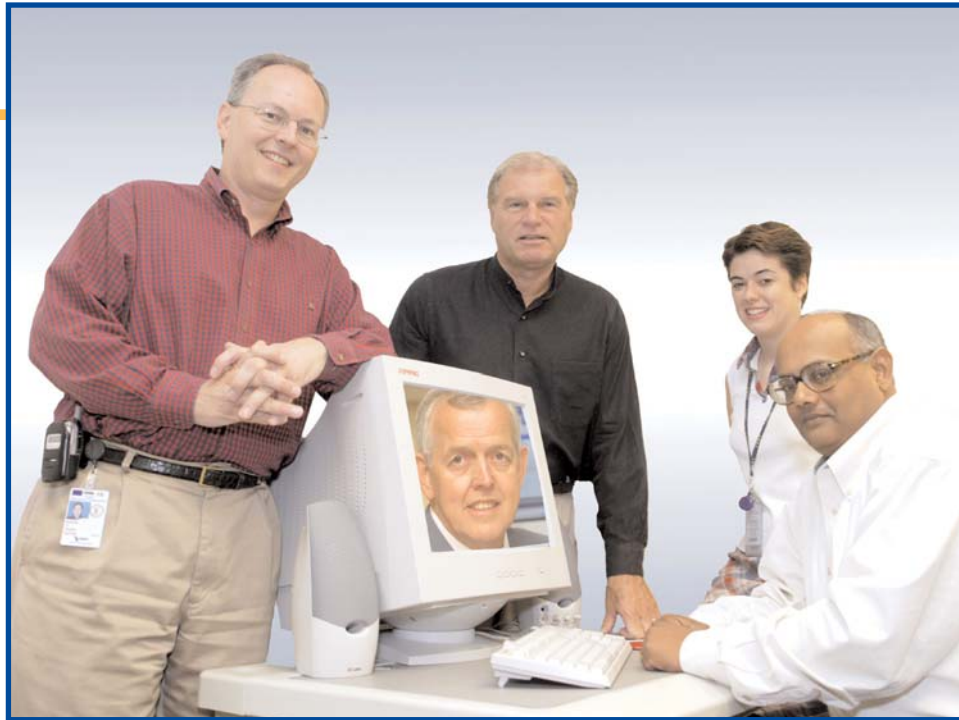


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Cost Estimation System Development Team

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Behind one of the department's most impressive steps of project improvement is the development of the Cost Estimation System. A team of VDOTers with focus, commitment, and can-do attitude is responsible for its success. The team faced one of the most formidable tasks faced by VDOT engineers and researchers: accurately estimating the cost of Virginia's proposed transportation projects.

Through the years, the department has experienced difficulty with developing a consistent comprehensive system to put together all of the costs of a transportation project, including designing, acquiring land, building, and many other tasks. The development and implementation of the Cost Estimation System is the solution to this ongoing problem. The team came up with a system to derive a solid, comprehensive estimate of costs for projects.

This new Intranet-based system promises accurate, well-documented project costs. It will better define projects in terms of what is needed and how and by whom they can best be built. The need for numerous project revisions will be greatly reduced. This team solved every problem that arose in the innovation of this system, and the outcome of their work will be greater efficiency within VDOT and greater credibility with the public.

